

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
June 12, 2013 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present:	Kirsten Tuohy, Matt Green, Jeff Mace, Chris Fortunato, Joe DeVito, Tony Bibbo, Richard Dyer, Peter Harrington, Stephanie Lapham
Staff:	Jennifer O’Leary, Ruth Hoshino
Guests:	Jay Harney, Kim Gallagher, Deb D’Arcy, Chris Hardiman, Tom Pomeroy, Liz Rowland
Interns:	Jay Sobel, Sophie Veksler, Hannah Lass, Eliza Beth, Tiki Davidoff, Jacob Prince

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

A vote to accept the minutes of May 8, 2013 was passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

- The budget for FY 2012 is \$2,500
- Expenses to date include:
 - \$602.44 Food/Activities/Gifts
 - \$487.50 6 Month Subscription eCHUG
 - \$710.06 Youth Summit II
 - \$700.00 Improbable Players

\$2,500.00 Total Spent

\$0.00 Balance

\$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

Business:

Update from the Mayor’s Public Service Interns:

- Focus on recruitment for next year – losing several graduating seniors this year
 - Flyers, Press Release, Business cards for Teens, Calendar of Events to attend, Email to parents through 8th grade guidance
- Going forward the group is setting up meetings with Engaging Minds, Science Teachers, Health and Wellness Teachers
- Looking at Youth/Adult Conversation programs to plan for next year
- Applying for the CHNA 18 Grant to help fund programs based on solutions from Youth Summit II, partnering with MSPP
- Want to be more connected with pre-existing groups and events next year such as SFA, Student Government, PTSO, Club Day, Just Think

Improbable Players:

- NSHS hosted the Improbable Players on May 22nd for the entire junior class sponsored by the Youth Commission

- Feedback from students was the performance was strong, but we could find a performance more focused on the teen being the user rather than the parent with an addiction and that may resonate more with students
- Feedback from administration and teachers was that they have never heard the auditorium so quiet, students were very engaged
- Discussion of wanting both schools to see it next year because it is so worthwhile and also having breakout sessions to debrief and other speakers such as Chris Herren at other times
- Also discussed seeing other Improbable Player shows to decide which one is the best fit for our teens

Youth Awards:

- Youth Awards will be presented June 17, 2013 at 7pm in the Aldermanic Chambers
- Refreshments in Room 222 to follow
- Our own Newton's Teen Voice member, Jacob Prince, is one of the Youth Awards recipients
- Motion to formally thank Mayor Setti D. Warren for his work for the youth of the city was accepted – will present certificate during Youth Awards

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary